

## **SUMMARY**

### **Agriculture, Fish and Water (AFW) Process**

#### **ID Executive Committee – Meeting #2**

**Date:** March 13 - 14, 2000  
**Place:** DoubleTree Inn, Yakima, WA  
**Attendees:** See attached attendance list.

#### **March 13<sup>th</sup> – Presentations and Field Trip**

The E. C. and other participants were provided overviews of general Irrigation Districts organization and operations and the USBR Yakima Project. Presentations of the Roza-SVID Water Quality and Roza On- Farm Loan programs were highlighted. The WDFW Fish Screening Program was also presented. A field trip to view irrigation district facilities in the Roza and SVID was conducted in the afternoon.

#### **March 14<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting**

#### **SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES, DECISIONS AND ACTIONS:**

##### **1. Review and Approval of Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Exec. Cmte. Meeting Minutes**

- The Committee approved the minutes and gave permission to post the approved minutes on the AFW website.

##### **1. Review of CIDMP Draft Table of Contents**

- WA State Water Resource Association (WSWRA) began developing a streamlined programmatic response to address the ESA/CWA. It's felt that this approach needs to have incentives to make the process successful, i.e. funding opportunities, ESW/CWA coverage for IDs using this process, streamlined "one-stop-shop" goal. The assessment process will allow IDs to voluntarily decide whether to participate in this approach. The following are suggestions and comments given during the review of the draft table of contents:

##### Executive Summary:

- It was asked what other processes could the IDs participate in. HCPs, Sec.7, and Sec. 10 were identified as possibilities. After a brief discussion, it was flagged

that a greater discussion needs to revolve around optional administrative vehicles.

- #3 - There was a concern that the issue of adding more fish in the rivers was being lost. Funding was talked about, but the fish were being forgotten. It was pointed out that compliance with ESA/CWA would gain fish and that there are other variables outside the IDs' control that could effect fish, i.e. other H's. **Jim Priest and Tom Myrum have been tasked to compare notes and craft language that will address both issues.**

#### Chapter 1:

- As noted, it will be important for others outside the process to understand how it came about and be given clarifying background information.

#### Chapter 2:

- The subgroup is currently working on an Assessment Matrix identifying both ESA and CWA data needs. An inventory of materials, currently being used for assessments, was gathered, which included a matrix of pathways and indicators. Existing tools that are available will or can be translated into something that the IDs will be able to use.

#### Chapter 3:

- Same discussion as Chapter 2.

#### Chapter 4:

- No changes. This chapter will be put together by the IDs.

#### Chapter 5:

- #1 – **Agencies need to get together to design the appropriate review team and process.** Designate a "coordinating" agency and key staff to provide IDs the service needed to participate in the process. Not necessarily looking for one point of contact, but a contact to make sure the work is getting done and the process is moving forward. Possibility of funding within the state to fund a position responsible for being the contact?

#### Chapter 6/7:

- #1 – Work product from Chapter 5 will define "Biological Review Team".
- Individual Districts vs. Districts as a Collective - It was asked what will be the incentives to get IDs to join this process and how will "stragglers" be handled. Noted as a future internal discussion.
- #4(e) – "Funding limitations" should be dropped. It looks as if one is setting themselves up for failure. Suggestion to move to Chapter 8.

- It was offered that funding options will need to be addressed in the next 2 weeks, i.e. as soon as possible, to address what will be asked for in FY 2001. Priorities will revolve around funding for IDs' participation and Agencies staff issues that will enable process to continue.

#### Chapter 8:

- Note for Workgroup: Develop a process on obtaining hydro-mitigation money as a funding opportunity.

#### Chapter 9/10:

- No changes.

#### **Guidelines Next Steps:**

- **Schedule funding meeting – Tim/Dan (Olympia, 3:00pm, 21<sup>st</sup>)**
  - Feds meet and discuss opportunities
  - IDs meet and discuss opportunities
- Integrated State/Fed Technical Team:
  - Identify members, agency commitment, and team functions. **Mike Rundlett has been tasked as the coordinator.**
- 4(d) – **State/Fed discussion on the mechanics of what is possible, i.e. placeholder language. Tim will take the lead to try to assemble that meeting.** Suggestion: Sawyer Hall early next week. State's 4(d) comments will be distributed to group before meeting.
- **Workgroup continue to work guidelines.**

#### **1. Process Documents/Schedule:**

- General and Specific Ground Rules approved. (Both previously acted on at the last E.C. meeting.)
- Goals & Objectives:
  - #1 – Include "which includes the recovery of fish" to the end. **NMFS has two letters which identify their language in explaining ESA. Will distribute to folks to begin discussion. Tim, Dan, IDs, and Jim P. will work together to craft language instead of bringing back to E.C.**
- Core Values:
  - **After a brief discussion, it was found that the Goals & Objectives and Core Values are close to being identical. It was suggested to combined the two**

**documents into one. Tim/Dan will rework.**

- 2000 E.C. Meeting Schedule:
  - Approved by E.C.

**AFW Irrigation Districts' Executive Committee**

**Meeting #2 – March 13 – 14, 2000**

**Attendees List**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Adams, Ed	WSU
Bush, Jodi	USFWS
Carpenter, Jack	Kittitas Reclamation Dist.
Crerar, Linda	WSDA
Erickson, Dick	ECBID/WSWRA
Evans, Dan	GTH
Fite, Walt	USBR
Franklin, Keith	Quincy Irrigation Dist.
Gray, Bill	USBR
Halupka, Karl	USFWS
Hirsh, David	NMFS
Jackson, Gerry	USFWS
Jesernig, Jim	WSDA
Koempel, James	Peshastin Irrigation Dist.
Landino, Steve	NMFS
McDaniel, Shannon	South Columbia Basin Irrigation Dist.
Meyer, Steve	WSCC

Millam, Phil	EPA
Myrum, Tom	WSWRA
Noble, Sandy	USFWS
Parson, Jeff	Nat'l Audubon Society
Priest, Jim	Colville Confederated Tribe
Rundlett, Mike	WSCC
Samuelson, Carl	WDFW
Schwisow, Mike	WSWRA
Smith, Paula	WSCC
Smith, Rick	Wenatchee Reclamation
Stoker, Paul	WACD
Teeley, Joel	Icicle Irrigation Dist.
Thompson, Tim	GTH
Wallace, Dick	DOE
Willis, Lynn	WSDA
Zillges, Gordy	NMFS